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1. LOCAL MEDIA GIVING PROMINENCE TO DEVELOPMENTS IN FORTHCOMING TRIP TO UNITED STATES OF MRS. BETTY WILLIAMS AND MISS MAIREAD CORRIGAN (REFTEL B). IT APPEARS PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATION WNED BUFFALO HAS CANCELED TRANSMISSION OF PLANNED TELECAST THROUGH PUBLIC BROADCAST NETWORK. IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH BUFFALO NEWSMAN BBC RADIO ULSTER DISCOVERED THAT MANAGEMENT STATION APPARENTLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT SAFETY NOT ONLY OF BELFAST PEACE WOMEN BUT OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TELECAST. THERE BROAD HINT GIVEN THAT STATION HAS RECEIVED THREATS AND INTERVIEW EMPHASIZED NORAIID ACTIVE IN FUND COLLECTIONS BUFFALO.

2. SITUATION CONFUSED WITH ONE REPORT STATION HAS PROPOSED SENDING PRODUCTION TEAM HERE TO TAPE TELECAST. MRS. WILLIAMS INSISTS SHE AND MISS CORRIGAN ARE PROCEEDING TO BUFFALO AS SCHEDULED BUT ON "OWN TERMS", WITHOUT SECURITY PROTECTION.

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3. PEACE MOVEMENT CONTINUING WIDEN INVOLVEMENT.

DELEGATION FROM LENADOON/SUFFOLK AREA HAS RESPONDED
TO PRESSURE FROM AREA RESIDENTS AND HAS VISITED KINGS'
OWN BORDERERS BARRACKS TO INQUIRE ABOUT CIRCUMSTANCES
SHOOTING WOMAN IN HORN DRIVE (REFTEL A). HOSTILITIES
CONTINUE BE DIRECTED AGAINST PEACE ORGANIZERS. IN
ADDITION WOMAN HIT BY SHOTGUN BLAST LAST WEEKEND, TEENAGE
SON OF CATHOLIC ORGANIZER LONDONDERRY WAS BEATEN UNCONSCIOUS
AND HAD INITIALS "IRA" CUT WITH RAZOR INTO TWO
PLACES HIS BODY. YOUTH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MARKED WITH
INITIALS "UVF". PROVISIONAL IRA HAD DENIED CULPABILITY
AND THREATENED REPRISALS AGAINST GUILTY. TWO PROTESTANT
WOMEN ORGANIZERS IN SHANKILL AREA BELFAST HAVE HAD HOUSES
DEFACED WITH PAINT.

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